

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-39. (Canceled)

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): A composition consisting of:

(a) isolated or purified ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and

(b) isolated or purified caffeic acid and/or chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and

a suitable excipient or carrier;

wherein (a) and (b) are present in an amount sufficient to lower blood pressure or suppress a rise in blood pressure when administered to a mammal.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 40 in the form of a tablet, granule, fine subitilae, pill, powder, capsule, troche, medicinal drink, solution for injection, suppository, or dermatological preparation.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 40, wherein (b) consists of caffeic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 40, wherein (b) consists of a chlorogenic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 40, wherein the chlorogenic acid is selected from the group consisting of neochlorogenic acid, isochlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid and 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 40, wherein (b) consists of caffeic acid and a chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): A supplemented food comprising:
a food ingredient,

(a) isolated or purified ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and

(b) isolated or purified caffeic acid and/or chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;

wherein components (a) and (b) are added to the food ingredient at a weight ratio of (a)/(b) which ranges from 0.01 to 50, and

wherein said food is not an unsupplemented food.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented): The food of Claim 46, wherein said food ingredient is a milk product.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented): The food of Claim 46, wherein said food ingredient is a cereal or pasta product.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented): The food of Claim 46, wherein said food ingredient is a soy, wheat or rice product.

Claim 50 (Previously Presented): The food of Claim 46, wherein said food ingredient is an oil or fat-containing food, a condiment, a semisolid food, a sauce, or a soup.

Claim 51 (Previously Presented): The food of Claim 46, wherein said food ingredient is selected from the group consisting of tea, decaffeinated tea, a herbal tea or infusion, a chocolate product, and a beverage containing alcohol.

Claim 52 (Previously Presented): The food of Claim 46, wherein said food ingredient is a fruit juice, a vegetable juice, or a soft drink.

Claim 53 (Previously Presented): A process for treating hypertension or high blood pressure comprising administering an effective dose of the composition of Claim 40 to a subject in need thereof;

wherein said hypertension is characterized by high systolic or diastolic blood

pressure, or both.

Claim 54 (Previously Presented): The process of Claim 53, wherein systolic blood pressure is reduced.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented): The process of Claim 53, wherein diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

Claims 56 – 62 (Canceled):

Claim 63 (Previously Presented): A process for treating hypertension or high blood pressure comprising:

administering an effective dose of the supplement food or beverage of Claim 46 to a subject in need thereof;

wherein said hypertension is characterized by high systolic or diastolic blood pressure, or both.

Claim 64 (Previously Presented): The process of Claim 63, wherein systolic blood pressure is reduced.

Claim 65 (Previously Presented): The process of Claim 63, wherein diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

Claims 66- 68 (Canceled):

Claim 69 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 40, wherein the amount of (a) ranges between 0.001 and 10g, and the amount of (b) ranges from 0.001 and 10g.

Claim 70 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 40, wherein the amount of (a) ranges between 0.01 and 0.5g, and the amount of (b) ranges from 0.01 and 0.5g.